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REPUBLICANS FOR REVISION

Chairman of House Ways and Means Committee Breaks Away From the Machine.

BABCOCK, OF WISCONSIN
IS FOR MODIFICATION.

He Predicts an Extra Session of Congress After the Fourth of March to Secure It—With Governor Cummings of Iowa, He Has Stood for Years Opposed to the Inordinate Demands of the High Protectionists—Claims That Tariff Reduction Will Increase the Revenue by Indirection.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Congressman Babcock, of Wisconsin, a member of the ways and means committee, has declared for tariff revision, and predicts that Roosevelt will call an extra session of congress after March 4, to revise the tariff schedules.

Babcock asserts that a reduction of the tariff will eventually increase the government revenue 10 per cent, through increased importations. Babcock belongs to the group of republican leaders who have stood for revision for several years past, and who have been forced, to hold their views in abeyance through the influence of the "stand-patters," the latter succeeding in controlling the action of that party on the tariff question.

With Babcock stands Governor Cummings, of Iowa, who made a fight for the revision of the tariff and attempted to secure its incorporation in the platform of the Iowa republicans two years ago, but who was defeated in his purpose by the "stand-patters," who insisted upon no revision.

This group of revisionists occupied the position upon which the late President McKinley stood, as indicated in his last public utterance given at Buffalo, when he declared that the time had come for the nation to take up the work of reforming the tariff schedules and effecting a gradual reduction.

Babcock heretofore, at certain periods, has enunciated the revision doctrine with marked vigor, earning the opposition of the highly protectionist interests and their representatives in congress. He is chairman of the republican national congressional committee, his continued occupancy of that position having been secured him up to this time only by his promise to recede temporarily, at least, from his attitude of insistence on tariff revision.

His announcement has created somewhat of a sensation, and politicians are wondering whether or not he speaks with authority in suggesting that President Roosevelt will take the action indicated.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

Governor Chamberlain Issues the Final Call for Observance of the Day.

Governor Chamberlain has issued the following Thanksgiving proclamation:

To the end that thanks may be rendered to Almighty God for the manifold blessings enjoyed by the people of the United States, the president has designated Thursday, the 24th day of November, A. D., one thousand nine hundred and four, as a day of general thanksgiving, and conformably to custom, I, George E. Chamberlain, governor of the state of Oregon, do designate said day as a day generally to be observed by the people of the state of Oregon in an appropriate way in returning thanks for the continued health, happiness and prosperity of our people.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the state of Oregon to be hereunto affixed at the city of Salem, this tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four.

GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN,
Governor of Oregon.

By the Governor:
F. L. DUNBAR, Secretary of State.

The postoffice at Irrigon has been made a money order office.

Mills Fail to Open.

Fall River, Nov. 14.—The attempt of manufacturers to open the cotton mills today resulted in failure, as only a few employees reported for work. No disaster is reported. The strike is expected to extend.

RAILROAD WAR AT HAND.

Looks Like the Opening of the Battle Between Northwest Lines.

Portland, Nov. 14.—Northern Pacific railroad officials have made a move which by many is considered as the opening punch in a railroad war between the Hill and Harriman interests in the Northwest, in giving to the steamer Charles R. Spencer docking facilities for freight discharge at Vancouver, Wash.

Through this arrangement it will be possible for the Spencer to land up-river freight intended for Puget Sound points at a point near Northern Pacific tracks.

In the past it has been necessary for the Spencer's freight for the Sound country to be trucked from the docks to the Northern Pacific freight yards, as the boat was not allowed to land at the docks of the O. R. & N. Co., a Harriman road. It is claimed this is because the O. R. & N. has control of the Regular line and the Columbia River & Northern railroad, in direct competition with which the Spencer is run.

It has long been considered that Northern Pacific territory, conceded as exclusive under the old compact, was being invaded by the Columbia River & Northern. Something in the way of retaliation has long been expected. It is believed it has come.

Overland to Tonopah.

Sumpter, Nov. 14.—William Kitchen, the Sumpter liveryman, has completed plans for removal to Tonopah, Nev. He will take four rigs and about 15 head of animals and make the trip overland via Burns, Ore., and Winnemucca, Nev. The expedition will be in charge of C. H. Bernard of Sumpter, who returned this morning from Baker City, where he and Mr. Kitchen perfected arrangements for the journey.

TRYING TO STOP PRIZE FIGHTING

MINISTERS WILL FORCE
AUTHORITIES' HANDS.

Big Event Scheduled for Tonight, in Which \$254-00 Has Been Wagered and Thousands of Polls Worth of Tickets Sold—Sherriff of Cook County Has Forbidden Not to Interfere, But the Clergy May Compel Them to.

Chicago, Nov. 14.—The ministers of Harlem, Oak Park and Chicago's western suburbs today took steps to stop the prize fight between "Honey" Melody and "Buddy" Ryan for the welter-weight championship, scheduled tonight before the new Harlem Athletic Club.

The sale of tickets has reached into the thousands and \$25,000 has been bet on the contest.

Although the sheriff promised not to interfere, the action of the ministers may force the hands of the authorities and stop the fight.

Baker City Commandery.

Baker City, Nov. 14.—Baker City Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar was formally dedicated and instituted by Right Eminent Commander L. N. Roney of Eugene, Saturday night. The commandery has been working under a dispensation for several months and is now a regular instituted body, working under a charter. The new commandery starts out with 27 members, and is the ninth to be organized in Oregon, the others being at Portland, Salem, Eugene, Albany, Grants Pass, Ashland, La Grande and Bendleton.

Boise Won From Baker.

Baker City, Nov. 14.—The Boise City high school football team won the game from Baker City on the local fields Saturday evening by a score of 6 to 0. Richardson, a Baker right-end was seriously hurt and was hauled off the grounds in a hack, at the close of the first half. The Boise City team was banqueted by the Baker boys, at the close of the game.

Smelter to Resume.

Baker City, Nov. 14.—The smelter at Mineral City, Idaho, which has been shut down for some time will be reopened, it is reported. The ore bins are filled and it is thought the output of adjacent mines will now keep it employed continually.

Two Vessels Lost.

Boston, Nov. 14.—So far as is known only two vessels were lost as a result of the storm which swept the Atlantic coast yesterday and last night. The schooner Arcularius went ashore on Naushton Island, and the crew of four perished. The schooner Nautilus was wrecked in a Gloucester harbor. The crew was saved.

Local authorities are powerless to even check cattle rustling in Southern Colorado, and the state authorities have been appealed to.

DENIAL OF GREAT RAILROAD TRUST

"Five Groups" Scheme Discredited by President of the Rock Island.

PERSISTENT RUMORS
SUSTAIN FIRST STORY.

Nevertheless, Rockefeller, the Supposed Head Center of the Consolidation, Makes No Denials and Current Wall Street Belief Is That a Reorganization Will Be Effected With Centers of Capital and Management at Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Cincinnati or Indianapolis.

Kansas City, Nov. 14.—President Winchell, of the Rock Island, takes no stock in the story that the consolidation of all the railroads of the country in five groups under one ownership is projected.

This denial is the outcome of the persistent rumor which has prevailed in Wall street and railroad circles to the effect that the Standard Oil Company under the "masterful hand of John D. Rockefeller, has planned the most gigantic coup ever attempted in the history of the financial world, the end to be the consolidation of all the great systems of railroad in the United States under one management.

Standard Oil interests are to manipulate the deal and the recent accessions made to Rockefeller holdings point to the consummation of this plan.

The proposed groups with their headquarters and the systems included in each of the five arms of the railroad octopus, are as follows: Group No. 1, Northern Pacific and Great Northern, with headquarters at Chicago; Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and Santa Fe, group 2, headquarters at Chicago; Southeastern and Gulf roads, in group 3, with headquarters at St. Louis; northeastern and New England, in group 4, with headquarters at New York and all the central western roads in group 5, with headquarters at either Cincinnati or Indianapolis.

Rockefeller has not denied the rumor and Wall street believes it is a perfected plan in all except the minor details.

CAUSED BY BLUNDER.

Nine Lives Sacrificed by Night Operator.

Granger, Wyo., Nov. 14.—The wreck three miles east of here which cost nine lives, was the result of the night operator at Granger substituting "50" minutes for "30" minutes in which the freight train, east-bound, could reach Azusa and, waiting a few minutes, be passed at that point by the west-bound express.

The difference in time of 20 minutes found the freight still west of Azusa, the express having whizzed through that place without any intimation of the freight coming to meet it on the main line, whereas the freight should have been on the side tracks as Azusa. They met head on with great force.

Both engines, the mail and baggage cars and one coach were completely demolished. The dead were the engine crews and passengers in the one wrecked car, in which also were the injured. The Pullmans did not leave the track and no one in them was seriously injured.

Did Not Suicide.

The report that the operator whose carelessness caused the wreck had suicided, proves to be incorrect.

RICH FIND IN WALLOWA.

Ledge 25 Feet Wide, Assaying \$143, Found on Innaha.

The biggest strike ever made in Oregon in a gold-bearing ledge of extensive dimensions has been made on the property of the Tenderfoot Mining Company, in the Innaha district, Wallowa county, says the Wallowa Democrat. Tests just completed by J. H. Flisk, from samples taken from 15 different locations in the pay tunnel, show an average of \$143.15 a ton in gold. The ledge or reef, as it should more properly be called, is 27 feet in width, and this rich ore was found at lower levels.

What makes the discovery of greater importance is the fact that it was found by a tenderfoot three years ago in a section of the country where mineral streaks were not presumed to exist. The ledge is located in the Blue mountains, at an elevation of 8000 feet, near the headwaters of the Innaha river.

Alexander Duncan, 55 years of age, died in the York, Pa., almshouse. He was once state treasurer of Pennsylvania and wealthy.

GEN. KUROKI IS REPORTED DEAD

Desperately Wounded at Liao Yang by Fragments of a Bursting Shell.

WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY
A PRINCE OF THE BLOOD.

Czar Approves of an Appropriation to Make the Siberian Railroad a Double Tracker—Japanese Extending and Widening the Blockade of Port Arthur—Great Activity of the Japanese to the Eastward of Mukden—Desultory Fighting in the North—Russia Will Not Join.

Moscow, Nov. 14.—General Kuroki, the famous commander of the Japanese army in front of Mukden, is dead. Kuroki's death followed wounds received during the recent fighting. Prince Siasini will succeed him, although Nodzu will have actual command of the army.

The news of the death of the famous commander comes in a telegram received today from Memirovitch Danchenko, the well known Russian war correspondent of the London papers, who wires from Mukden that the reports of Kuroki's death have been confirmed. Some time ago it was rumored that Kuroki had been killed, but little credence was placed in the story. Now, however, comes confirmation of the report.

According to Danchenko's version, Kuroki was struck by a splinter from a shell, which tore out a portion of the breast and abdomen, inflicting fatal wounds. The general is said to have succumbed at Liao Yang, October 4, and it is stated in the dispatch from Danchenko that the body has been shipped to Japan.

"The rumor is persistently current," Danchenko telegraphs, "that a kinsman of the mikado, Siasini, literally 'the third prince,' has been appointed to succeed Kuroki, but actual command of the army has been intrusted to General Nodzu, who is reviewing the operations.

"Alarming news has been received from Port Arthur, but the absence of reports during the last few days makes it evident that the movement of one or the other of the Russian armies will be dependent upon the course of events there."

London Knows Nothing of It.

London, Nov. 14.—No confirmation of the reported death of General Kuroki had reached London yet today.

Japanese Activity.

Mukden, Nov. 14.—The Japanese are displaying great activity to the eastward. There are signs of a serious engagement taking place within a few days. Kurotskin has made dispositions to block a possible flanking movement.

"Please Excuse Us."

St. Petersburg, Nov. 14.—In an editorial today Novoe Vremya argues that it is impossible for Russia to participate in a second peace conference at The Hague, during the continuance of war.

Will Send Imperial Guards.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 14.—The czar has decided to send the second division of infantry of the imperial guards to Manchuria. The guards are usually only sent to the front when there is a monarch or grand duke in command.

Skirmish Near Mukden.

Mukden, Nov. 14.—The village of Vuchanin was attacked the night of November 12 by Japanese, who were repulsed with little loss. There was occasional artillery firing all day Saturday, especially on the forts.

Will Double Track.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 14.—The emperor has approved the plans for double tracking the Siberian railway. Five million dollars has been assigned for beginning the project.

Widening the Blockade.

Chefoo Nov. 14.—The Japanese blockade of Port Arthur has now been extended to a distance of 30 miles.

The chief of engineers of the government service asks for \$2,000,000 for the improvement of rivers and harbors in the Northwest, the money to be divided between the Columbia, Willamette, Snake, Coquille, Willapa, Chehalis, Pend d'Oreille, Okanogan and Cowlitz rivers, and Three Mile rapids, Tillamook Bay, Gray's Harbor, Tacoma harbor, New Whatcom harbor and Swinomish slough.

IRRIGATION MEETINGS.

Idaho People Will Complete Details of Government Projects.

Boise, Nov. 14.—Those interested in promoting the government project for the reclamation of the lands in the Boise and Payette valleys have arranged for two meetings, one to be held in Nampa Tuesday evening, November 15, and one at Emmett on Wednesday evening, November 16. The meetings will be addressed by J. H. Lowell, president of the Payette-Boise Water Users' Association, Judge J. H. Richards, ex-Governor Steunenberg, D. R. Hubbard and others.

The object of these meetings is to fully explain to the people of the Payette valley what the United States government and the Payette-Boise Water Users' Association have been doing and what the business men, land owners and others interested in the development of these valleys must do in order to secure from the United States government the expenditure of \$4,000,000 on the contemplated Payette-Boise irrigation system under the new reclamation act.

The government engineers have now completed the surveys and the project is found feasible at a very reasonable cost per acre, and it is now for the people to say whether this great sum, offered by the U. S. government, is to be expended here or elsewhere. Prominent speakers and government engineers will be present to answer any and all questions.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, Nov. 14.—December wheat opened \$1.14 1/4, closed \$1.13 1/4; May wheat opened \$1.14 1/4, closed \$1.13 1/4. Corn opened 50 1/2, closed 50 1/2. Oats opened 29 1/2, closed 29.

LAND AND SEA STORM SWEEP

LAKE ERIE SHIPPING
BATTERED HELPLESS.

Many Vessels and Possibly Lives Lost—New York City Cut Off From Outside World for Hours—Drizzling Rain Turned to Heavy Snow—Harbor Crews at New York in Hard Lines—Two Vessels Lost Off New England Coast.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 14.—It is feared many vessels were lost in the 40-mile gale that swept over Lake Erie, with a possible heavy death list. The few ships that weathered the terrific wind and sea were battered almost to helplessness. Lifesaving crews are holding themselves in readiness to go to the assistance of ships in distress all along the shore.

Main Storm Missed Buffalo.

Buffalo, Nov. 14.—Damage in Buffalo by the gale that swept over the adjacent states and the great lakes Saturday night and yesterday consists in the blowing down of telegraph and telephone wires, trees, and the delay of mails. Buffalo seems to have escaped the force of the storm which prevailed east and west.

New York Cut Off.

New York, Nov. 14.—After having been cut off from the west for many hours yesterday, as a result of the storm which swept the coast, telegraphic communication was re-established early this morning. For a time Sunday telegraphic circuits connecting with New England, Baltimore and Philadelphia were the only ones in working order. The storm began at 11 a. m. with a drizzling rain which soon turned into a heavy wet snow. Owing to the width of the storm's path much delay in railway traffic is anticipated.

After five ineffectual attempts to rescue 11 passengers of the ferry boat Port Morris, which went ashore near College Point last night, they were finally taken off in a launch. It was one of the most desperate attempts at rescue ever seen in New York harbor. The crew of the ferry remained aboard. It is thought the boat can be saved.

Three Trunks Lost.

Three "trunks" confined on an island in East River were out in a rowboat which was swept away. It is believed the men were drowned.

GEORGE DITTY IN CUSTODY.

Charged With Horse-stealing and Found in South Dakota.

Sheriff T. D. Taylor is on his way to Belle Fourche, S. D., with a request for extradition papers in order to bring to this city George Ditty, wanted for horse-stealing. Ditty was arrested by the South Dakota authorities several days ago and is being held pending Taylor's arrival. Ditty is accused of taking a horse belonging to Otis McCarty. The crime is alleged to have been committed last June. Ditty disappeared soon after the crime and was recognized by the Belle Fourche authorities by the printed description sent out by the local sheriff's office.

FATAL SHOOTING STIRS HEPPNER

Frank Natter Dead and Policeman Creswell Seriously Wounded.

DEE MATLOCK UNDER ARREST
REST PENDING INQUEST.

Trouble Said to Have Started on the Street and Culminated in the Recorder's Office During a Trial—All Parties Well Known in Pendleton—Natter Formerly Lived in Pendleton—Matlock Is a Son of Cass Matlock—Heppner Shocked by the Affair—District Attorney and Coroner Are Investigating.

(Special to the East Oregonian.)

Heppner, Or., Nov. 14.—Frank Natter is dead with a bullet through his brain, Policeman Creswell is seriously injured, and Dee Matlock is under arrest as the result of a shooting affair that occurred in the recorder's court Saturday evening. Natter died by the hand of the policeman, it is said, and the latter received his wounds from the gun of Matlock. The exact cause of the shooting is a question which the coroner's jury and the district attorney are today endeavoring to solve.

It is alleged that Natter had trouble with Creswell Saturday that led to his arrest. During the examination at the recorder's court the shooting took place. Just who fired the first shot is where the testimony conflicts. It is alleged that Matlock fired at the officer, striking him twice in the region of the throat. Creswell returned the fire and Natter fell dead with three bullets in him. Two of the wounds are in his head and the third through the body. It is reported this afternoon that Creswell's chances for recovery are good.

Former State Circuit Judge J. J. Balleray and Colonel James H. Bailey, of Pendleton, have been retained by Matlock and are here today attending the inquest over the body of Natter.

Frank Natter was the only son of John Natter, and was about 25 years of age. He was married three months ago to Miss Stella Rhea, daughter of C. A. Rhea, of Heppner.

Natter ran the saloon connected with the brewery. He was popular in Heppner for genial qualities, and also for the skill he attained in athletics. During the years when bicycle racing was the vogue, Natter was one of the fastest riders in the Northwest, and in later years he was known as one of the best football players of the region. Natter was born in Pendleton, where his father lived before going to Heppner, the elder Natter operating a brewery here.

Dee Matlock, who is under arrest for shooting Creswell, is a son of Cass Matlock and a nephew of Mayor W. F. Matlock, of this city. He has been reared in Morrow and Umatilla counties and is a well known young man.

The community is shocked by the affray and little will be given out until after the investigation by the coroner and district attorney.

Later Version of Shooting.

Heppner, Nov. 14.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—One version of the Matlock-Natter-Creswell shooting affair of last Saturday evening, asserts that the first shot was fired by Creswell, who, being on the witness stand, giving testimony, apparently thought, from some motion made by Natter, that the latter was about to draw a pistol to shoot, and that Creswell immediately drew his weapon and fired at Natter, killing him, and Matlock, upon Creswell's opening fire on Natter, quickly pulled his pistol and shot at Creswell twice, inflicting two flesh wounds, which have not been serious in their consequences.

Those holding this version of the tragedy affirm that there was a feud of long standing between Natter and Creswell, which, if true, would explain in part the readiness with which Creswell drew and fired, fearing that Natter was about to do the same.

The hair of the head grows faster in summer than in winter.

Nine Scouts Killed.

Manila, Nov. 14.—News has been received here that nine scouts of the 35th company, and one American attached to the hospital corps, have been killed in an ambush on the east coast of Samar.